



Rookie League Rules (6U)

Safety

A player registered in BYBA may not play in another baseball league or on another organized baseball team during the BYBA regular season which runs from approximately mid-February through the end of May. Penalty is ejection or suspension from league, subject to discretion of the Board of BYBA.

Baserunners must slide or avoid contact. If umpires determine the contact was intentional, the baserunner is out and all other runners return to the base they last occupied. No penalty for incidental contact.

No head-first slides allowed at any base. No warnings. Penalty, runner is out. All runners retain base they last occupied. Head-first slides back to a base are allowed.

Bat Rules - Penalty for use of illegal bat is that batter is out (dead ball, no play)

Under the USABat standard, certified Tee Ball bats (26" and shorter) will feature the USA Baseball mark and text which reads ONLY FOR USE WITH APPROVED TEE BALLS. New bats with the USA Baseball mark as well as "all aluminum" alloy bats (26" and shorter) that were produced and/or purchased prior to the implementation of the new standard are allowed.

Ball Rules

Easton Incrediball Softstitch Baseball or equivalent

Game Time

Games will consist of 4 innings if time permits. Time limit: Saturdays – no new inning starts 70 minutes after start of scheduled time slot (i.e. NOT from start of game).

Batting

Continuous batting order. Teams will bat through the entire line-up each half inning.

All first year Rookie batters will use the batting "T" exclusively for the first two games of the season.

Defense

Following the first two games of the season, adult coaches will pitch. Batters will be given a STRICT maximum of 6 pitches to hit the ball fair. Batting "T" will be used if batter is unsuccessful in putting the ball in play after 6 pitches (no strike outs).

All players play defense. Defensive players will not be allowed to play an outfield position in consecutive innings.

Over throws at 1st, 3rd and home are dead ball situations. Runners may not advance. No leads may be taken and stealing bases is not allowed.

The defense can make outs in the field (force outs and tag outs). Three outs will clear the bases, but will not end the half inning.



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Other

No score will be kept.

50' distance between bases. Bases are not fixed.

There are no playoffs in the Rookie league.

Home team is responsible for dragging the field and chalking the lines for the next game.
Visiting team should help the home team to speed the pace of play.

No taking "infield" practice before games.

Home team gets third base dugout. Dugouts should be left broom clean by both teams.

Hidden ball tricks are not allowed.

All other rules will be governed by the "Official Baseball Rules".